(c) the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has planned to provide an installed capacity of 3,26,585 Cellular connections in the State of Kerala in two phases covering 100 cities/towns, important National Highways and a few State Highways of the State. The activities related to the Cellular network rollout are proceeding as per schedule. In addition limited mobility wireless in local loop (WLL) services with a capacity of 562900 lines have been planned to be commissioned this year in the State of Kerala.

Introduction of WLL services in Mainpuri

†2350. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 325 and Unstarred Questions 1203 and 779 given on the 14th August, 2001, 29th November, 2001 and 7th March, 2002 respectively and state:

(a) whether WLL services have been introduced in the Mainpuri district, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of telephone connections provided in villages Anjani and Shahjahanpur of Mainpuri;

(c) if no connections have been provided, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether telephone connections would be provided by August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. WLL systems of 500 lines each have been made operational at 5 places, namely, Karhal, Bhogaon, Jasrana, Mainpuri and Shikohabad in Mainpuri district during the month of May, 2002. 1131 telephone connections have been provided from these systems.

(b) to (d) 12 telephone connections in Anjani village and 2 telephone

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

connections in Shahjahanpur village have already been provided on underground cable. Telephone connections to waitlisted persons in Anjani & Shahjahanpur villages are planned to be provided on WLL system & underground cables by 31-8-2002.

Software exports to Germany

2351. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Germany has become India's new software market;

(b) if so, whether after the US and the UK, Germany is fast emerging as the largest market for Indian Software exports despite slowdown;

(c) whether Germany has also started introducing Green Cards to IT specialists which has created enthusiasm among IT firms in India;

(d) if so, to what extent software exports to Germany has improved; and

(e) what are the other countries to which India is exporting software?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) In the European market, Germany has been the third largest destination for software exports from India.

(b) In view of the slowdown in US the largest market, IT exporters from India have increased their focus on the German market.

(c) Yes, Sir. Germany has launched a special Green Card Scheme for encouraging India IT professionals to work in Germany.

(d) India's computer software/services export to Germany has increased from Rs. 687.66 crore (US$ 159.92 million) in the year 1999-2000 to an estimated value Rs. 1143.93 crore (US$ 239.81 million) during the year 2001-02 resulting in a growth of 66.35% (49.95% in US$ term)in a span of two years.

(e) A statement showing the country-wise details of IT exports from India is enclosed.